

Response Rates for the 2017 Census of Governments – Local Finance Component

Preliminary estimates for the 2017 Census of Governments State and Local Tables were released on October 31, 2019. U.S. Census Bureau quality standards require a Unit Response Rate (URR) of 60 percent for all data by state. A URR of 60 percent means that of the units surveyed, at least 60 percent have responded. A Total Quantity Response Rate (TQRR) standard is also set at 70 percent. TQRR measures the portion of a variable representing survey responses. For key variables *Total Revenue*, *Total Expenditure*, *Total Debt Outstanding*, and *Total Cash and Security Holdings (Assets)*, a TQRR of 70 percent indicates that 70 percent of the source data are from survey responses or data equivalent to survey responses.

The 2017 preliminary data met URR and TQRR standards with some notable exceptions (See tables below). Additional non-response follow-up efforts will be undertaken prior to future publications in attempt to obtain data from previous non-respondents. Additional research will also be conducted on state and local governments to identify governmental units contributing to the low TQRRs in those non-compliant states.

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Unit Response Rate (URR) and Total Quantity Response Rates (TQRR) by State:
Local Governments

* Indicates states where at least one of the TQRR is below the 70 percent acceptable range and/or the Unit Response Rate (URR) is below the 60 percent acceptable range. Additional information for TQRR's may be found within the technical documentation.

2017 Local Government Response Rates By State					
State	Unit RR	Expenditure TQRR	Revenue TQRR	Debt TQRR	Asset TQRR
United States	77.2%	92.0%	93.0%	94.8%	91.6%
Alabama *	59.8%	91.3%	91.6%	93.0%	90.4%
Alaska *	58.4%	62.7%	95.2%	94.6%	96.1%
Arizona	74.8%	86.2%	86.0%	87.9%	79.6%
Arkansas	64.9%	89.3%	88.9%	91.0%	84.9%
California	97.1%	93.3%	99.6%	99.6%	99.8%
Colorado *	54.7%	85.6%	84.5%	90.7%	79.1%
Connecticut	67.6%	84.1%	77.8%	83.3%	71.2%
Delaware	71.6%	94.7%	94.1%	94.3%	81.1%
District of Columbia	100.0%	100.0%	99.7%	100.0%	100.0%
Florida	93.2%	97.7%	98.8%	98.1%	97.9%
Georgia	78.4%	90.3%	90.3%	93.8%	90.7%
Hawaii	66.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Idaho	67.0%	74.0%	74.4%	81.9%	69.6%
Illinois	88.1%	98.0%	98.4%	98.9%	98.4%
Indiana	95.6%	98.6%	99.1%	98.8%	99.0%
Iowa	85.0%	92.8%	92.6%	95.1%	92.9%
Kansas *	59.7%	90.4%	90.0%	94.2%	90.4%
Kentucky	83.0%	96.1%	97.1%	94.7%	96.0%
Louisiana *	57.5%	72.1%	73.1%	79.4%	70.9%
Maine	68.6%	82.6%	80.8%	77.9%	77.4%
Maryland	63.4%	98.0%	99.1%	99.7%	99.6%
Massachusetts	75.6%	96.7%	96.1%	98.2%	96.4%
Michigan	95.5%	97.7%	98.9%	99.3%	97.3%
Minnesota	90.8%	95.0%	95.0%	97.5%	94.4%
Mississippi *	58.6%	86.9%	87.1%	91.6%	86.9%
Missouri	62.3%	85.8%	85.5%	86.6%	82.2%
Montana	76.2%	85.2%	84.8%	87.0%	80.7%
Nebraska	86.9%	89.3%	88.6%	95.1%	91.3%

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Nevada	71.3%	96.4%	96.1%	99.1%	91.7%
New Hampshire	74.8%	84.7%	89.1%	92.0%	83.0%
New Jersey	73.5%	83.0%	83.0%	82.5%	80.9%
New Mexico *	44.5%	87.6%	86.3%	90.6%	77.2%
New York	95.6%	99.8%	99.7%	99.8%	99.4%
North Carolina	85.4%	99.5%	99.7%	99.8%	98.7%
North Dakota *	58.2%	87.6%	84.5%	88.2%	78.4%
Ohio	69.1%	73.6%	73.3%	85.0%	70.0%
Oklahoma	67.3%	86.7%	86.5%	87.8%	86.0%
Oregon	73.7%	85.7%	84.6%	89.5%	78.9%
Pennsylvania	83.3%	89.3%	90.4%	86.2%	88.9%
Rhode Island	71.8%	81.0%	82.5%	86.5%	76.3%
South Carolina	66.0%	83.7%	82.7%	86.4%	71.2%
South Dakota	74.6%	86.6%	86.4%	88.8%	84.1%
Tennessee	69.9%	84.2%	82.3%	87.0%	76.0%
Texas	61.1%	88.0%	87.4%	90.6%	84.4%
Utah	87.3%	98.9%	98.5%	90.0%	99.2%
Vermont	74.0%	88.5%	86.5%	85.3%	75.2%
Virginia	75.2%	82.6%	82.7%	90.8%	84.7%
Washington	94.7%	98.9%	98.4%	99.2%	99.7%
West Virginia	62.2%	83.3%	83.5%	79.5%	81.5%
Wisconsin	90.4%	99.0%	98.8%	97.8%	97.7%
Wyoming *	54.1%	82.4%	82.3%	71.4%	73.5%